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## VETERINARY SERVICES MEMORANDUM 552.45

**TO:** Veterinary Services Management Team (VSMT)

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**SUBJECT:** Clarification of Federal Tuberculosis Requirements for Interstate and Interzone Movement of Cattle and Bison from a Modified Accredited Advanced (MAA) State or Zone

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information on the testing and identification requirements for interstate and interzone movements of cattle and bison from MAA States or zones.

### II. CANCELLATION

VS Notice 07-09 dated August 21, 2007, is hereby canceled and converted to VS Memorandum format because the document will be effective for more than one year.

### III. REQUIREMENTS

Cattle or bison that originate in an MAA State or zone, and that are not known to be infected with or exposed to tuberculosis, may be moved interstate or interzone only under one of the following conditions:

- A. Cattle and bison under 6 months of age: No official identification or testing is required.
- B. Intact heifers 6 months of age or older either moving directly to a feedlot or in feeder channels (includes pastures). No official identification or testing is required.
- C. Spayed heifers and steers moving to any destination: No official identification or testing is required.
- D. Breeding animals (intact cattle over 6 months of age): Each animal must be officially identified and accompanied by a certificate stating that it tested negative to an official tuberculin test conducted within 60 days prior to the date of interstate or interzone movement, except as listed here:



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1. Cattle or bison from an accredited herd: Each animal must be accompanied by a certificate stating that accredited status testing has been completed with negative results within 1 year prior to the movement date. No additional testing is required.
2. Cattle moving directly from an approved market (in an MAA State or zone) to a Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)-approved slaughter establishment: Each animal must be identified back to the herd of origin in the MAA State or zone. No testing is required.
3. Cattle moving from an approved market (in an MAA State or zone) to any premises other than a FSIS-approved slaughter establishment: Each animal must be identified back to the herd of origin in the MAA State or zone and tested negative to an official tuberculin test within 60 days prior to moving to the market.
4. Cull cattle moving through an approved local market (in another State or zone but considered within the normal commerce area by the State Veterinarian and/or Area Veterinarian in Charge) to a FSIS-approved slaughter establishment: Each animal must be identified back to the herd of origin in the MAA State or zone. No testing is required.
5. Commuter herds: No testing is required, provided a commuter herd agreement is in place. (Follow VS Memorandum 552.39 for agreement criteria.)

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